

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

EO 04-03

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO:

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is committed to ensuring that state agencies coordinate an effective and efficient response to disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) that would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, and complexity; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System (ICS) components of the NIMS are already an integral part of current emergency management throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized ICS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, hereby order that all state offices, agencies, departments, and commissions involved in directing, controlling, or coordinating activities of an incident shall adopt the National Incident Management System, and that it shall be the state standard for incident management. This Executive Order shall be effective on its signing, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended, superceded, or rescinded by further executive order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15th day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand four.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE CHARLIE DANIELS